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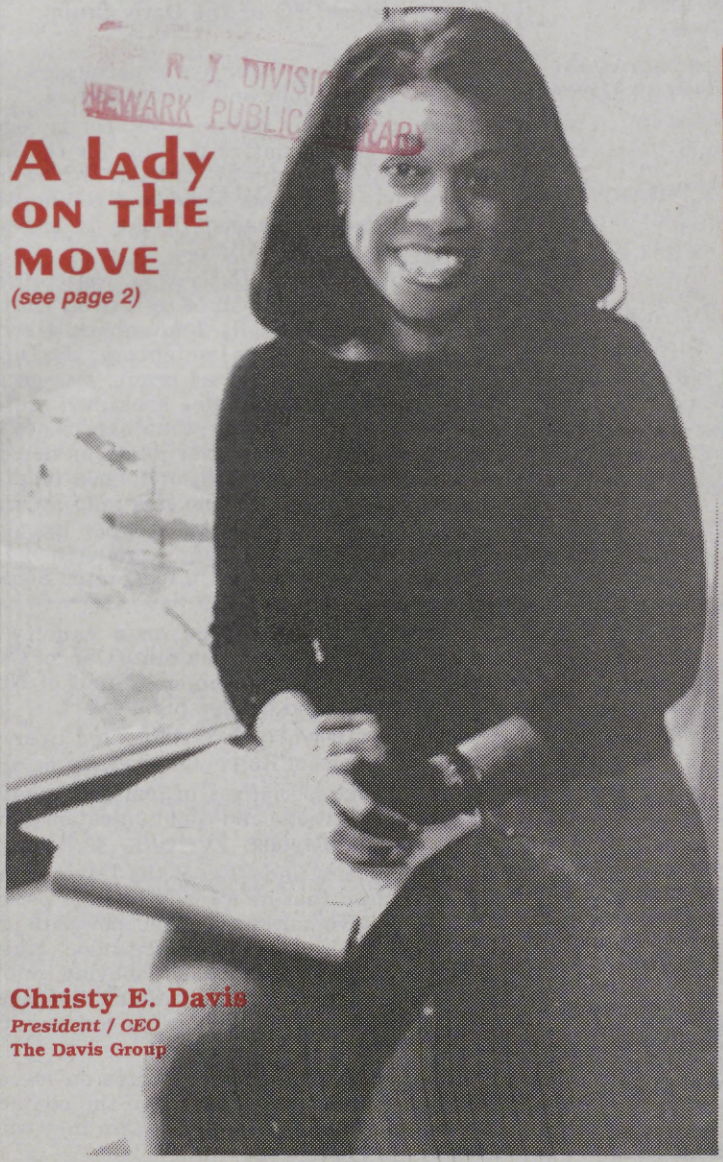

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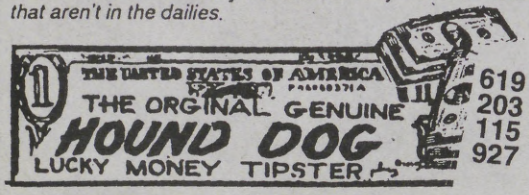

ON OUR COVER...

Christy E. Davis
President/CEO of The Davis Group

Ms. Davis has extensive experience working in both the public and private sectors.

An attorney by training, Ms. Davis began her career as legislative director for the late state Senator Wynona M. Lipman of Newark, where she utilized her legal and community relations skills to assist in the passage of groundbreaking legislation.

She then went on to serve as project director and state chief of state to retired United States Senator Frank R. Lautenberg. During her tenure with Senator Lautenberg, Ms. Davis helped design an expedited grants system for New Jersey municipalities seeking funding opportunities. Her private sector experience included managing the media relations department at Warner-Lambert co, then a leading pharmaceutical giant. She has also participated in a variety of campaigns, her most recent experience as campaign manager of the winning Jon Crozine for United States Senate campaign.

Ms. Davis has served on a variety of boards including the Garden State Cancer Center, United Way, The Women's Fund of New Jersey, NAACP and Leadership Newark.

She is currently a visiting lecturer at Douglass College of Rutgers University.

Ms. Davis specializes in legislative advocacy, media relations and communications, and governmental lobbying.

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POLLY TICKS

This column – which is exclusive to *The Black Mirror News* will bring the "truth" to our community when others "lie."

Each one, teach one...

Little by little folks are beginning to cry about conditions. For sSome, it's about losing a small or a big job. The last five years, this column not only talked to you about registering and voting – but also about your health and pulling together. It may be just a perception, but other ethnic groups come into this country "green as the grass in our public parks," yet they always do one thing – THEY COME TOGETHER.

Here we are in America, born of slave ancestors and haven't yet learned how to forge our unity and COME TOGETHER.

Twenty years ago under Kenneth Allen Gibson and Senator Lipman, we forced more than twenty groups of minority contractors to be prepared for the future of construction in this city. Today, there are still folks asking where are our minority contractors? Why? Because, the future is now! Cecil Saunders, Ham Hamilton Bowser, Samuel M. Ruth and the late Daniel Tindall were part of a group of men who had the heart to challenge developers and the cities to take a second look at minority contractors.

Today, when a billion dollars is coming for school repairs and rebuilding, we only see a couple of union black contractors ready for the next ten years of work.

Please tell me what do we have to do to make our people understand here is no more handouts? You, you and you too, must start somewhere.

The director and the commissioners at the Newark Housing Authority have launched an Apprentice Training Program for people who live in public housing that will sweep through the city of Newark and the Board of Education. Carpenters, painters, electricians, plumbers and masons are the skills they will teach.

We must teach our young, since the old have refused to read and do.

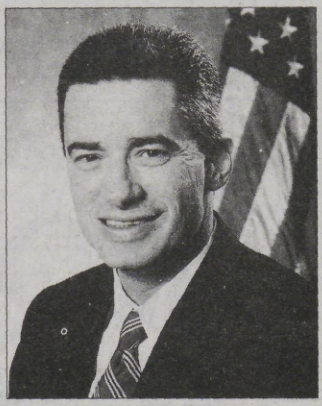
Run Jim, run!

Dear Jim,

We are standing up for you because you've always stood up for New Jersey's Democratic party and for working families.

I agree with you. And you, can count on me to be with you in your campaign for Governor...

The Staff, Black Mirror News



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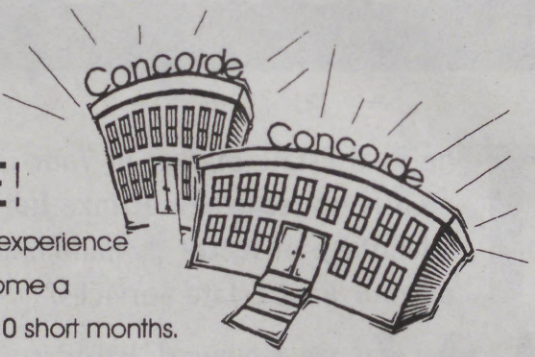

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The Business — Corner —

"Helping you help yourself"

By Ed Hopson

Loans from the Family

The most popular method of raising capital to start a new venture is using the entrepreneur's own money.

Next in line would be borrowing form family members and friends. When this is the case, it's important to dot all the I's and cross all the T's to prevent any miscommunication of hard feelings. Make the transaction as professional and businesslike as possible.

For example, document the loan, including collateral, the pay-back terms, and the interest rate to be charged. As far as interest rates the IRS publishes a monthly table that specifies the lowest rate it will allow. Anything less and the IRS may consider the money a gift, which may be subject to taxes.

Equally important when borrowing from family and friends is asking yourself if you can pay back the loan when expected. Are there consequences if you can't?

Family members should ask themselves the same question. If the loan isn't paid back, can they accept that fact?

Home Zoned for Business?

The number of people running a home-based business is growing by leaps and bounds.

One problem many entrepreneurs do not foresee and often cannot get around is restrictive zoning laws.

If you are thinking of going it alone at home, check on local zoning laws.

If home-based companies are prohibited or discouraged, one recourse to request a zoning variance. To help your chances of getting a variance, a petition that says your business is not disruptive, signed by neighbors, could be persuasive.

The author, Edward Hopson, C.B.A., is managing director of Enterprise Capital & Business Advisors, Inc. Akron, Ohio. As a free-lance author and speaker, Mr. Hopson has published numerous articles on issues affecting small business and spoken to hundreds of men and women in all stages of career and entrepreneurial development. Hopson is certified as a business analyst by the Ohio Department of Development.

It was a great party attended by family, friends and some of the area's top politicians and community leaders.

Rev. Levin B. West Sr.'s B-Day Party

...Family and friends

Congratulations to Mayor Sharpe James honored by the Mayors of New Jersey as

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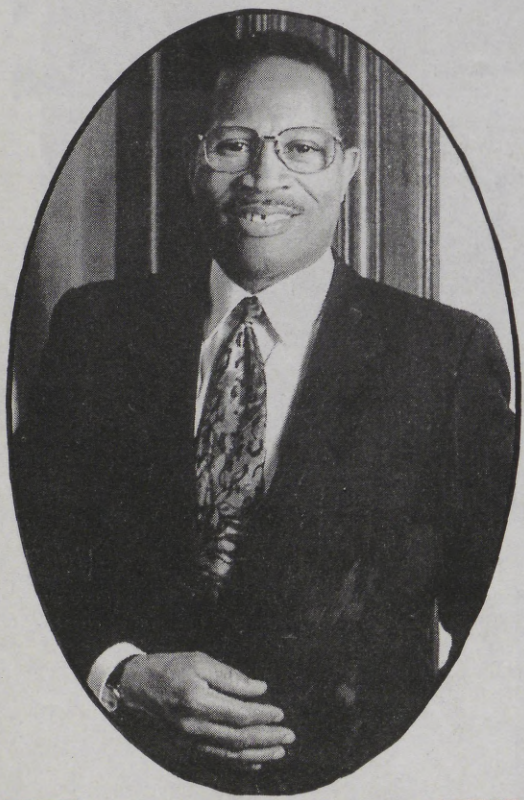

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Awards Program Honors

by L. Lavender

Miracles come in all sizes at "Hook a Kid on Golf" as more than 100 youth attended the awards program sponsored by The City of Newark, Division of Recreation/Cultural Affairs, held at the JFK Recreation Center. Young girls and boys, participants in the "Hook" golf program, gathered with their parents to proudly receive certificates and trophies for excellence in golfing.

But the real power behind this remarkable program are four Newarkers, who had a dream that a golf program would be good for Newark Kids. Edward Wadood, Matthew P. Stevens, Donnell M. Redding, and Nelson Tejada.

Among those youngsters receiving awards were: E. Hippolyte, A. Johnson, A. Adams, B. Wright, A. Lima, J.Duncan, N. Duncan, F. Stevens, S. Smalls, R. Morgan, Jr. N. Mosley, T. Thomas, Jr. E. Jenkins, A. McCeary, D. Johnson, N. McCeary, D. Lee, D. Cory, B. Blackwell, S. Cory, B. Mitchell, T. Soaries, L. Robinson, A. Robinson, S. Anunsiaso, A. Adams, N. L. Smalls, B. Reddick. A. Reddick, I. Taylor, S. Coles, C. Lowe, J. Daniels, and B. Mitchell.

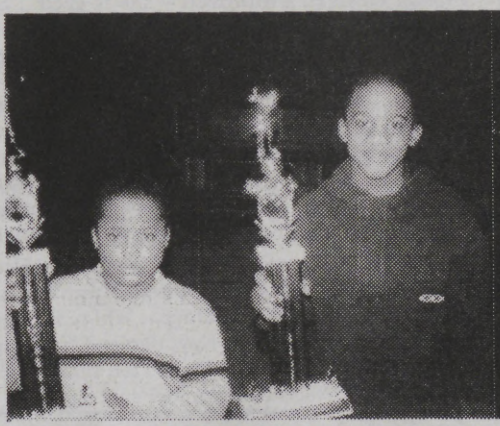
Young people between the ages of 8 and 13 receive clubs, a bag, hat, and tee shirt donated by Taylor Made. All youth are eligible to participate and this reporter was amazed when a tot 2-1/2 years old came forward with his Mom to receive his certificate.

Although the kids love playing golf, speakers pointed out that the program is not just about golf. Participation translates into a lot of good things. Learning to play also teaches discipline, integrity, honesty, and respect. No small benefit is that involvement can lead to lucrative employment opportunities.

Edward Wadood also hopes that the City will build a state of the arts inside golf facility in Newark. As of this time, the City Fathers will not appropriate the land. The community wants to know why. Such a facility would potentially allow outstanding youth golfers to get four year scholarships to prestige universities.

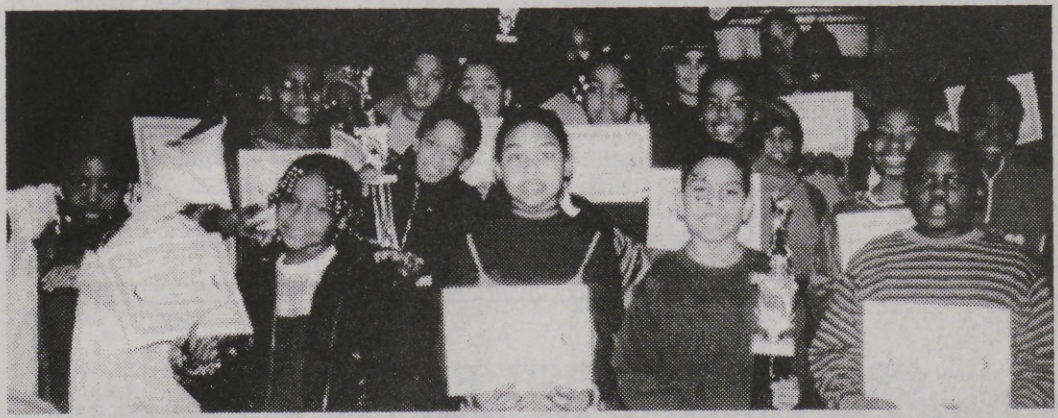
Last year's program, boasted 100 new participants. All ages are invited to join. Breakfast and Lunch are provided and for Information about Registration for 2001 call 973.733.6454.

Youth Golfers



1st place winners

2nd place winners



"HOOK A KID ON GOLF" HONOREES

(Rear) Edward Wadood, Head instructor, Nelson Tejada, Asst. instructor, Donnell Redding, Events Cord. *(Front)* Ardela McElroy and Matthew Stevens Mgr, Div of Rec.

Tejada / Wadood and 2-1/2 year old golfer.

Ollie M. Davis who is the president of **The Human and Civil Rights Association of New Jersey** and she is doing a great job of promoting racial justice throughout the state... Hats off to **Carol** and **Bob Ranking Jr.** the owners of Carol's Cafe, they had a smart 5th anniversary celebration. Oh! their address is **37 James Street** in **Newark**, we will meet you there for lunch (smiles)... Had a pleasant meeting with **Eulis (Honey) Ward** during the week – he looks like his old self. (Remember, every year how we talk about Black folks who did something before the civil rights movement in North Jersey?) Well you know we're talking about **Eulis Honey Ward**, he was part of the platform that many white and black politicians stood on – smiles... **Kathy V. Sumter** is the ramrod of the Concerned Black Republicans of New Jersey. If you need help call her: 923-926-4135... **Invery Sherman** who is one of the best custom cabinet makers around, is also an instrumentalist with the **Black Widow Band** – smiles... Remember **Hendricks**? He's now **Hendricks Tours Inc.** a bus company fully equipped for all your tours, call him at **973-586-3000** or you can reach him at **510 Rt. 53, Suite 2E, Hallmark Plaza, Denville, NJ 07834**... Whenever you are see the talent of **Tiger Woods** you must think of **Gladys D. Hoffler-Thomas** of **Golfers Unlimited** – she is good... Say, is **Dennis Franklin's Unisex Barber Shop** still at **43 E. Cherry Street in Rahway, NJ?**... **Patricia A. Wooten**, the administrative specialist has not been seen around lately. I guess the Superior Court must be keeping her busy... **The Men of Quality** say they are going to be giving a Thursday Bash like those of yesterday at the **Robert Treat**... Please keep your eyes open for the invite... **Mario DeCosta** is giving a fling somewhere in Montclair, NJ. Where?... We would like to see **Calvin Hughes Sophiscated Gents** and **Denise Hamilton** at the **Maize** one of these Thursdays... Where is **Sterling Brown**, the artist from New Jersey? He's suppose to be living in New York. Please tell him to call *The Black Mirror News* (the number's on age 2!)

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civil rights crusader
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After retiring from Zion Baptist church in Philadelphia, Sullivan moved to metro Phoenix in 1981. But he remained active. With his Phoenix-based International Foundation for Education and Self-Help aided hundreds of thousands of people in Africa and the United States. He also served as an adviser to GM's board. In 1992, President George H.W. Bush awarded Sullivan the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

RALPH "MIKE" HARRIS, 74
Master Carpenter
"Mike," as he was known by many, was employed by Orbit Tool and Die in Springfield, NJ as a Mold-Maker for over 25 years and retired in 1990. Upon his retirement he began his second career as a Craftsman and master Carpenter, lending a hand to many in renovations and cabinet making.

ALPHONSO TINDALL, 79
active in national and local organizations
He was a founding member of the New Haven Black Coalition, was very active with the NAACP, the National Urban League and the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.

Alphonso Tindall was the first African American to be appointed to the New Haven Board of Education, an appointment which began in 1960 and lasted for 10 years.

JESSE S. JEFFRIES, 36
triumphed in life
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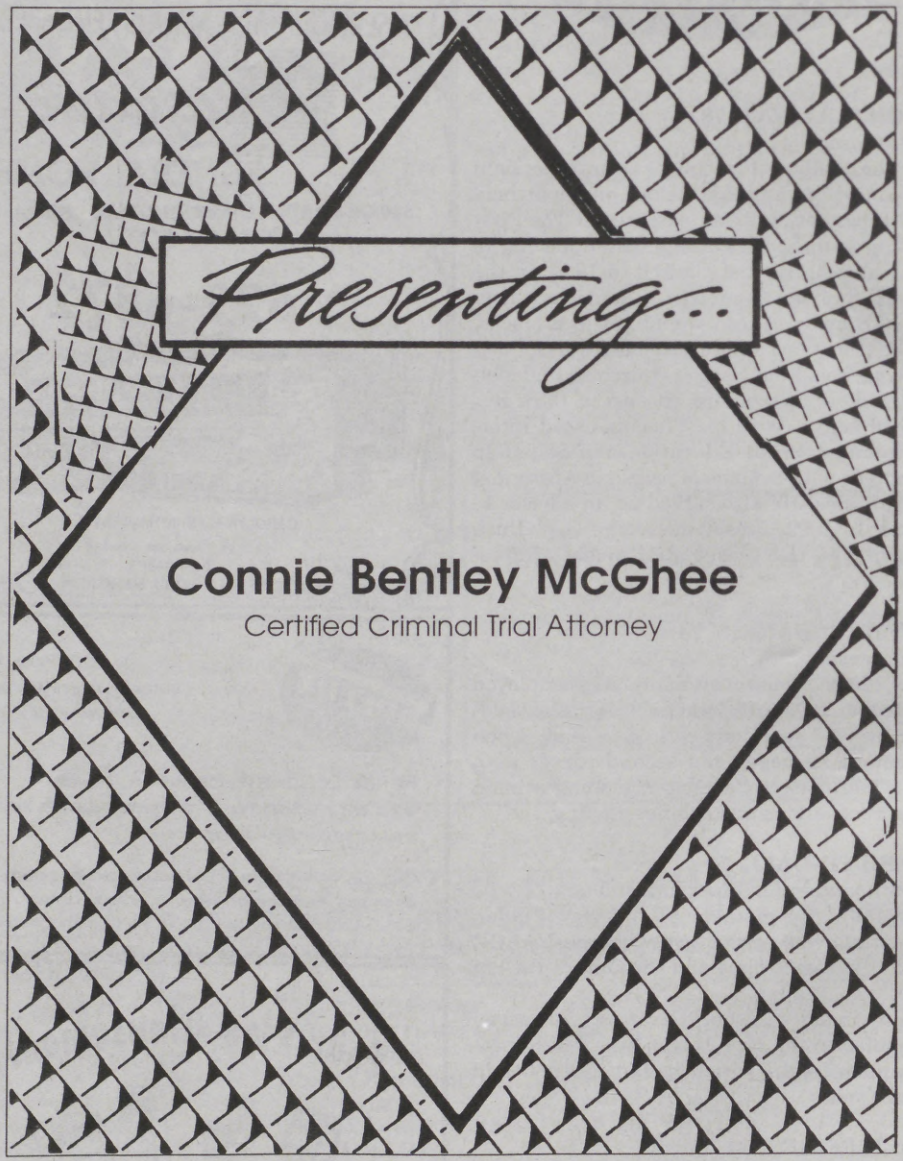

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The Democrats lost photos... at the Los Angeles Convention, August 2000

Calvin West & Mayor Doug Palmer of Trenton

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A Home Coming Party from Alaska Party honoring Queen Mother, Esther Haygood

T'was a celebration and reunion with old friends and relatives when Esther Haygood returned from Alaska, she lived there for 28 years. The party was given by her daughter, Daphne Haygood Benyard at the WISOMMM Mansion in Newark. The invitation only affair featured music by saxophonist Bradford Hayes and his group.

CALENDAR...

Friday, May 11, 11:30 a.m. – Older Adult Month Celebration Luncheon, sponsored by the City of East Orange, Robert L. Bowser, Mayor and Senior Services Division $5.00 at Mayfair Farms, 481 Eagle Rock Avenue, West Orange. Call 266-8832 for information.

Sat. May 19th at 12 noon – Essex County Club of the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc. celebrates Founders' Day Luncheon at the Newark Airport Marriott.

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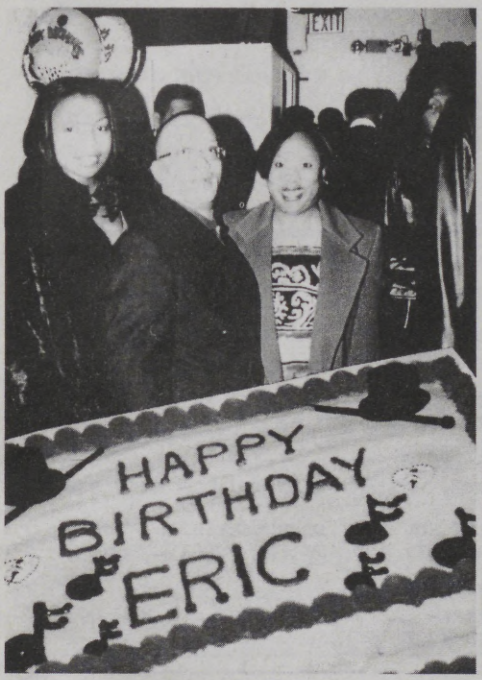

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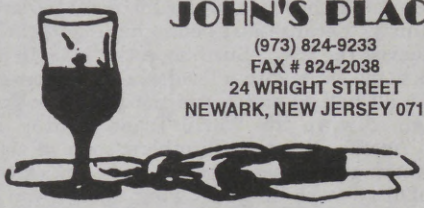

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To all the brothers: *The Shadow* reminds you to "be strong my brothers," these young sisters are out to get you. It's hot out and the young ladies are dressed to impress. You know, there's nothing wrong with the skirts they're wearing, the skirts are *not* too short – it's the girls who are just too tall! And, those extra high shoes they're wearing makes them look like baby dolls that are fully grown... *The Shadow* wants to know why every day around five o'clock there's a dark blue mini van (Pathfinder) parked outside of a house on Paine Avenue in Irvington near Union Street. Could it be that the master of the house leaves for his night job around four-thirty? Because just before midnight, the blue van leaves the area. Sure hope the master never comes home early with a headache, if he does there will be all hell to pay, cause the master looks big enough to whip the World Trade Center. Look out!... Another thing, my brothers, some of you are still wearing your jeans down to your ankles with a pair of dirty boxer shorts showing, fellas if you don't have clean underwear on, don't show us the filthy ones O.K.? And, while we're at it – please wash those dry, dull looking dreadlocks or your buckwheat hairdo once in a while (everything begins to stink if it isn't washed occasionally)... Heads up, to that young man on Maple Ave in Hillside: Do you think you're getting away with anything just because the young lady in Newark that you left high and dry with a big belly doesn't know where you live? She told me she has your social security number and she says she will find you if it's the last thing she does. Take some advice from *The Shadow:* call her and take care of your responsibility, after all you say *you are a man*, now is the time to prove it!... Folks talking about that sister on So. 11th St. in Newark. She been to University Hospital's emergency room three times during this year, so far, to get patched up behind the "no 'count" man that beats on her like she was Lennox Lewis. Maybe, she should wise up before she has to visit "Perry's" emergency room... To Mr. Big Shot on Main Street in Orange: Who do you think you are? "You may be all right for now, but you ain't going to get too far. The same people you are beating up on now are going to turn on you someday and boy, will you fall down hard and fast. There, ain't going to be nobody around to pick up the pieces... To my ladies out there who don't have a man now: "if you think you're lonely, just wait until next year dear, 'cause the bothers are getting less and less each day.

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